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In article <CE8DtJ.HJ@hpcvsnz.cv.hp.com>, davidc@lsid.hp.com (David Cook) writes:
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> I solder the new jack to the end of the cord. Beautiful job. Never done better.
> Then I discover that I forgot to slip the little cover that is supposed to get
> put over the connections onto the cord first. Why can't I remember?

I used to do this a lot with PL-259s. PL-259s are hard as heck to solder,
much less unsolder. Sometimes I'd forget on the first one, then slip the
ring over all the coax. Clever, eh? But, then I'd forget to put the second
one on. ARGH!

After a while, I started checking. I think it just takes experience. Kinda
like being an apprentice carpenter or something. There's dozens of little
things like this that aren't difficult, but hard to remember unless you
have some experience.

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In article <CEL9x7.F5o@unccsun.uncc.edu>, tarumph@uncc.edu (Timothy Allen Rumph) writes:

> Problem was, Center conductor is larger on the Bury 8 because of
> the foam dielectric. Several strands folded under the connector and shorted to
> the shell ...

Hmm. This one is also on my personal list for doing connectors. Before soldering, I check to see if the shell is on (if applicable). After soldering, I check with an ohmmeter for proper continuity, as well as for shorts.

Is it just that I'm more patient now that I'm no longer a kid, or have I just been burned too many times...?

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Oh, here's another ARGH story. In my early days of ham radio, I'd experimented with a large number of indoor antenna solutions. None of them worked very well. Over the years, I must have tried 5 or 6 different kinds. One day, when I was fixing to put up yet another indoor antenna, I noticed that the RG-58 coax I was going to use had a slight bulge about 15 feet down from one end.

I made it up into a cable and tried it with a dummy load. 3:1 SWR. Ouch! Cut off the end with the bulge and tried it. 1:1 SWR.

All along I'd been putting up antennas with the same piece of bum coax. Those 5 or 6 antennas might have actually worked.... ARGH!

(BTW, after I cut out the bum section, the indoor antenna worked great)

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